

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

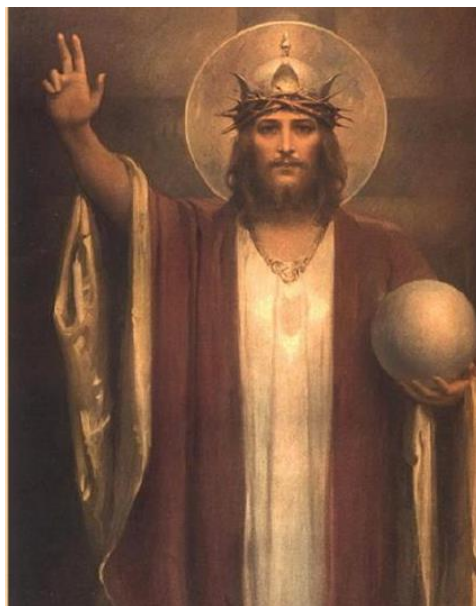
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The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Mrs. Beth Howden – Organist / Director of Music

Solemnity – Christ the King November 25, 2018



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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MONDAY, November 26th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

SATURDAY, December 1st

1:00 – 3:00 pm – One Hot Meal

5:00 pm – Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential Service

(see announcement)

NEXT SUNDAY, December 2nd, First Sunday of Advent, Beginning of the Liturgical Year

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary **11:15 am** Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Lectors:

11/25 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

12/2 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue

2019 LECTOR BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED! – All lectors may pick up their 2019 book in the Parish Office.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE for the Scranton Seniorate will be held at **Providence of God, Lithuanian Parish** in Scranton (1743 North Sumner Avenue, Scranton) on **Saturday, December 1st at 5:00 PM**. All are invited.

ANGEL TREE/TOY DRIVE – The Angel Tree is again set up to help make some children's Christmas a little brighter. This year we will be helping the United Neighborhood Center's Toyland. Pick an angel from the tree and bring in an unwrapped toy for the age range on the back. Place the toy in the red buckets under the tables in the social hall. The greatest need is for ages 9 to 13. Please have your toy in by Sunday, December 16th so we can deliver them in time for the UNC Toyland. Thank you so much for your generosity!

OPLATEK-CHRISTMAS WAFER – is available in the Church Office after Masses on Sunday or you may pick it up during the week by contacting the Church Office at 570-961-9231 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A donation is asked to help defray the cost of the wafers. Carry on the Polish custom of breaking bread at the Wigilia, Vigil Dinner on Christmas Eve and have a Blessed Holiday Season.

ANS MEETING – The next scheduled ANS meetingwill be held on Sunday, December 2nd in the Board Room @ 11:30 a.m. or immediately following Adult S.O.C.L.!!!

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA – YMS of R Branch #1 hosts their annual Breakfast Buffet with Santa on **Sunday, December 9th after the 9:30 am Holy Mass in the Parish Youth Center**. Tickets are Adults: \$8.00; Children ages 4 to 12: \$3.00; Children ages 3 and under: Free. Please make reservations in the Parish Hall after 9:30 am Mass on Sundays or call Frank Gerardi at 570-587-3672. There will be a **limited number of tickets for sale at the door**, so please make your **reservations by Thursday, December 6th**. **Set up will be Saturday, December 8th** at 6:30 pm. Any help given is much appreciated.

ST. STANISLAUS YOUTH BASKETBALL NEWS – Sign-ups for the upcoming season are underway. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY 12/16/2018.** Forms and information about the league are located downstairs in the church hall, and on the church's website. Please either mail or drop off the completed forms along with the payment to Jake Stankowski c/o Southside Floral Shop, 1025 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. 18505. Forms can also be brought on Friday, December 14th, 2018.

The cost for each player is \$40.00 and \$20.00 for each additional child within the same family (living in the same household).

Practice/Sign-ups – Friday, December 14th, 2018 in the youth center.

6:30-7:00 p.m. for PreK-2nd grades

7:00- 7:45 p.m. for 3rd – 8th grades

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. for 9th – 11th grades

Games will tentatively start on Friday, January 4th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A schedule of game times and age groups will soon follow. Thank You as always for your support! Any questions please contact Jake Stankowski @ (570-341-0986) or Art Golembeski @ 570-575-5231.

DISTRICT 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY – District 1 PNU will be holding their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the lower level of the PNCC Center, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA at 6:00 pm in conjunction with the quarterly meeting. The cost per person will be \$15.00. A buffet dinner featuring roast beef and breaded pork chops will be provided. There will also be a raffle, games and Christmas carol sing-a-long. Please make your reservations with Joan Scheuneman at 570-344-1513 by November 29, 2018. All District 1 members and their families are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – As a community service project, St. Stanislaus UYA is partnering with Wreaths Across America to support their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach about America's veterans. **On December 15, 2018, we will have a wreath-laying ceremony** at our cemetery on Kane Street in conjunction with ones occurring at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

We will be **selling wreaths now through November 30th** so that each veteran at rest in our cemetery will be honored and remembered. **We have started counting and identifying each veteran's marker.** To date we **have counted well over 250 graves**, and we know there are more. Please help us by sharing your loved one's names with us so they can be counted.

We hope you will **support this effort by donating \$15 to sponsor a wreath** in honor of or in memory of an American hero and show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. **For each wreath sold, the UYA will earn \$5.** Please make checks payable to: St. Stanislaus UYA.

The UYA will have a table set up after each 9:30 mass now through the end of November to accept donations. You can also contact Maria Hughes or any UYA member for more information. To read more about Wreaths Across America's mission, go to wreathscrossamerica.org. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this important project.

2018 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE – The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is once again hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. **The raffle will be held on December 6th, 2018 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa.** **Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. First Prize – \$400 cash; Second Prize – Fitbit Charge 2; Third Prize – Google Home Speaker**

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we continue to support the ministries of this commission to benefit our youth. Monetary donations are always graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: **Education and Youth Commission of the PNU, c/o Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505**

(checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).

Thank you, if you have any questions or inquiries please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986 or eyc@pnu.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The floral pieces at the main altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory early parishioners & organizers of the PNCC.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS – Please consider donating \$20.00 to help decorate our Alters for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones. Checks should be made to the ANS Flower Fund. Checks may be dropped off at the Parish Office or you can contact Connie Tellep at [570-2224409](tel:570-2224409) or jteellep@nep.net by December 16th.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **cereal** on Sunday, **December 2nd** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, November 26

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, November 27

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, November 28

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, November 29

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, November 30

8:30 pm – Mass of the day

Saturday, December 1

8:30 am – sp. Theodore & Helen Christy by Joan Williams & Renee Brunetti

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Nov 27** – Stanley & Mary Ann Zigmont; **Nov 28** – Robert & June Sarnowski, John & Julie Andrzejewski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Nov 27** – Lorne Notari, Carol Jankowski; **Nov 28** – Brenda Yaron, Jordan Aebli

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **November 23rd** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich

FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME – Annette Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

So – in schools these days, with regard to Thanksgiving, the kids are taught the Pilgrims had a big thank you party for all the good stuff the Indians taught them in order to survive in a hostile environment. (History Alert: menu – lobster, venison and the fruits of the earth.)

But that’s not what the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were thinking about when they sat down to share a meal of thanks. They were celebrating God’s blessings of a great harvest in an uncertain time in a brand-new land. The pilgrims were thanking their God ‘from whom all blessings flow.’

As a national holiday, Thanksgiving is a time when we are thankful for the ones we love. We are thankful because we know that our time with them is precious - and limited.

Holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, are hardest for those who have lost a loved one. They feel the hard reality that an important piece of that happiness is now gone. In his letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul urged Christ’s followers to be joyful at all times. Notice he didn’t tell them to be happy always. That’s just not possible. But being joyful always, as he directs, is possible, for joy is not the same as happiness.

Joy is deeper than happiness. Joy is rooted in God as a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy is more serene and stable than worldly happiness which is emotional and lasts only for a time. Joy is one of nine attributes that characterize those people who allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit’s leading. Joy sustains the faithful person through trials and turmoil, through thick and through thin. Joy upholds and buoys the believer such that it is omnipresent to support and maintain the believer even in the midst of unhappiness.

When terrible things happen in our lives – the death of a loved one, a crippling accident, a break-up - it is only right and just to cry and mourn and scream at God when we feel like our heart has been cut out.

But Paul was not telling his flock to deny their feelings of remorse and unhappiness. Instead, he was trying to encourage and reassure them that Jesus was indeed going to come again and is an ever-present help in all circumstances. In that knowledge, he urged the Thessalonians to be thankful and to give praise and to rejoice - always. This is a promise we Christians can find assurance in today.

Yes, Paul was correct that you should be thankful in all circumstances - thankful to God for God’s goodness and grace, even when you don’t feel up to doing that. Eventually, it will improve as you speak in prayer with Jesus about your doubts, the turmoil, the grief. The underpinning of joy will lift the weight of your unhappiness, thereby encouraging gratitude. In this way you are able to be joyful, prayerful and thankful to the Lord in all things and at all times.

At your meal table, then, give thanks for the people surrounding you in love, and for those now gone. Give thanks for the Creator of love itself. It is truly right to give God thanks and to rejoice - always.

Bishop Bernard